

School Stationary

School stationary invoices will be sent home with this newsletter. These invoices will cover your child's stationary usage for the whole year. Some differences with stationary include Totara Class having an additional spelling word book and Kauri Class Maths Mate and Heads Up users will contribute to their homework programme workbooks.

Community News

The Great Rugby Road Trip Trophies A massive, nationwide rugby tour to say 'Thank you, New Zealand', and featuring the coveted Webb Ellis Cup will be calling into Rugby Park Te Kuiti on Sunday 4th March 12pm – 3pm. You will be able to have your photo taken with prized rugby silverware including the Webb Ellis and Bledisloe cups. There will also be a range of fun activities to keep the whole family entertained.

A **Civil Defence** exercise is planned for the Waitomo area. Civil Defence is looking for Volunteers to assist in the exercise. Free training is available. Are you up to taking the challenge, learn new skills or just to come along and see what happens? All interested parents can contact Chris, chris.hattingh@hcc.govt.nz for further information.

BIKEWISE in TE KUITI Support Mayor Brian Hanna on the fun 5km street cycle around Te Kuiti. Or.....Do the 10km road challenge out to Omya and back. Also.....1km Pavement Pedal for the Under 7s. Free swim for all at Te Kuiti Pools following the rides plus spot prizes. All children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Thursday 1st March, register from 5pm at Te Kuiti Domain (opposite Te Kuiti Primary School) rides start at 5.30pm. Normal road rules apply – the roads will not be closed. Listen to Radio Maniapoto MFM 99.6 for cancellation if wet. Refreshments for sale. Contact Dede Downs for more information 878 7867, ddowns@sportwauikato.org.nz

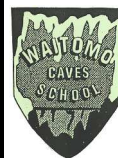
You are invited to our next **OPEN DAY at St Paul's Collegiate School**, 77 Hukanui Road, Chartwell, Hamilton. Saturday March 3 from 1.30pm. The Headmaster will address visitors at 2pm in the Chapel of Christ the King followed by student led tours of the School. Afternoon tea will be served in the new Dining Room from 3.15pm onwards. Please direct any enquiries to d.mcrae@stpauls.school.nz or phone 07 957 8805.

Board of Trustees News

The results of the Parent Survey have been analysed and BOT is very happy with the positive response. A quarter of the families completed the survey.

What's Coming Up At Waitomo Caves School

29 February	COP's Swimming Sports
2 March	Piri Piri School visit,
2 March	First Community Assembly, 2.30pm
9 March	Waitomo Interschool Swimming Sports – TK
24 March	Waitomo Sports Day
	Mrs Tamae Dimond Principal ☺



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Week Four - 24 February

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Tena Koutou Katoa

Welcome to our second newsletter for the year and what a busy start we've had!

Thank you parents for an awesome turn out to our recent parent meeting. And it was great to have our new families come along and meet others. If you were unable to attend and you haven't caught up with your child/ren's teacher yet please do so as soon as you can by ringing school and making a suitable time. Anyone wishing to see teachers can also do the same. Parents are reminded that the middle and senior class homework programme has begun and works on a seven day cycle. Year 3 & 4's get theirs on a Tuesday and must be completed and returned the next Tuesday for testing. Seniors get theirs on Mondays and must complete and return their homework the next Monday for testing.

Closer to the next parent meeting a survey will be sent home to research the best time of the day for such gatherings so we can continue to have as many families present as possible.

How to help your child develop numeracy pamphlets are being distributed with this newsletter. These are available to Year 3-6 and Years 7-8. If you would like assistance for Years 1-2 please contact Ms Easton.



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Camp

All students gained knowledge and skills in personal, social and physical development. Leadership was evident in children's activities and interaction with others, and above all everyone had a great time. Thank you children for participating to your potential and working towards achieving your personal goals. Thank you to our parent helpers Myke, Vickie, Mitch, Jo, Alannah, Gaye including Dawn, Marci, Rarangi and Robin. Vickie, we hope you have a speedy recovery from your accident. Also our sincere thanks to John and Martha and Alister and Ann for the use of the two bach's and sleepouts.

We have received the book we made on camp and invite families to have a look at it. Here is a glimpse of what's in it.



ERO

Our school has been advised that the Education Review Office (ERO) will be doing their three yearly audit in May, week 4 of term two this year. This usually involves a 3 day visit where the officers view teaching practices and interact with students and staff to obtain information about how our school is going. They also have a parent/community meeting to gain feedback from the broader community, as well as meetings with the Board of Trustees. It is a robust process but we expect to have minimum disruptions during the visit. More information about the visit will be available closer to the time.

Swimming Sports

Congratulations to our swimmers at the small schools swimming sports, Te Rito, Keely, Sian, Arleyah, Kyah, John, Alyssa, Peta, Blaze, Logan, Tiana and Ratapu. Many of our participants received placings and a huge **'well done'** to the 7 and 8 year olds for competing against the 8 and 9 year olds. Let's hope we have more students well enough to compete in the COP's swimming event on Wednesday. Thank you to the parents who helped with transport and our Nan's who went along to support.



COP's swimming sports will be held on Wednesday 29 February starting at 10.00am for some students. Those involved will have pink notes going home today requesting transport assistance. Please let Tamae know if you are able to help with transport asap. We plan to be at the Otorohanga pool by 9.30am and will conclude the day around 2.00pm. A food stall will be available however children are asked to bring food and drinks as well.

Soccer

Although the soccer competition doesn't start until term two it is hoped that training will begin early this year. Children will be asked next week if they are committed to playing this season and consent forms will be sent home soon. Please discuss with your child/ren their intentions regarding winter sports so Steve has an early indication of commitment. It is likely that other coaches will be required to coach teams as well this year. Please let me know if you are interested in coaching any winter sports on offer.